

## **Remarks**

Claims 1-17 and 19 are pending in this application.

The claims are subject to a Restriction Requirement.

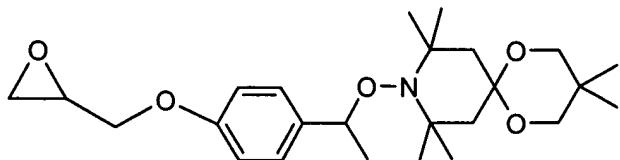
Applicants are required to elect a single invention from the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-12, drawn to a two step method comprising polymerization of epoxy containing nitroxylether, followed by cleaving the nitroxylether and polymerizing a vinyl monomer.
- II. Claim 13, drawn to a blend of an epoxy compound and an epoxy containing nitroxylether.
- III. Claims 14 and 15, drawn to a polymerized epoxy containing nitroxylether.
- IV. Claims 16, 17 and 19, drawn to a comb polymer having a polyether backbone and arms of polymerized vinyl monomers.

Applicants hereby elect with traverse the invention of Group I, claims 1-12.

Applicants respectfully request that the invention of Group IV, claims 16, 17 and 19, be rejoined with Group I, upon finding the claims of Group I allowable and if claims of Group IV contain all the limitations of Group I.

As a single disclosed specie, Applicants hereby elect the compound 103, page 6 of the disclosure:



The elected specie reads on claims 1-4 and 6-12.

Applicants submit that this is a complete response to the Restriction Requirement.

Applicants respectfully await consideration of the claims on their merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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